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July 28, 1982

Mr. Thomas Daggett
Office of Regional Counsel
United States Environmental Protection Agency
230 So. Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Re: Dead Creek

Dear Tom:

As promised, enclosed is an updated memo and sketch concerning owners of property abutting the Dead Creek contamination area.

This new information should provide you with a reliable listing of owners. As such, it completely supersedes my letter to you of the 23rd.

I hope this gives you the information you need; if any further is required, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Reed".

Reed W. Neuman
Assistant Attorney General
Environmental Control Division
Southern Region

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cc: Phil Van Ness

OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

MEMORANDUMTYRONE C. FAHNER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

TO Reed Neuman
FROM Roger Kennedy
SUBJECT Property owners adjacent to Dead Creek, between
Queeny and Judith

Listed below are the names and mailing addresses of the people who last paid taxes and/or are presently listed as owners of the property located adjacent to Dead Creek and between Queeny and Judith Avenue. A sketch of the area in question is attached. The exact location of the property owned by each individual or business can be located by matching the number on the sketch with the number associated with each name.

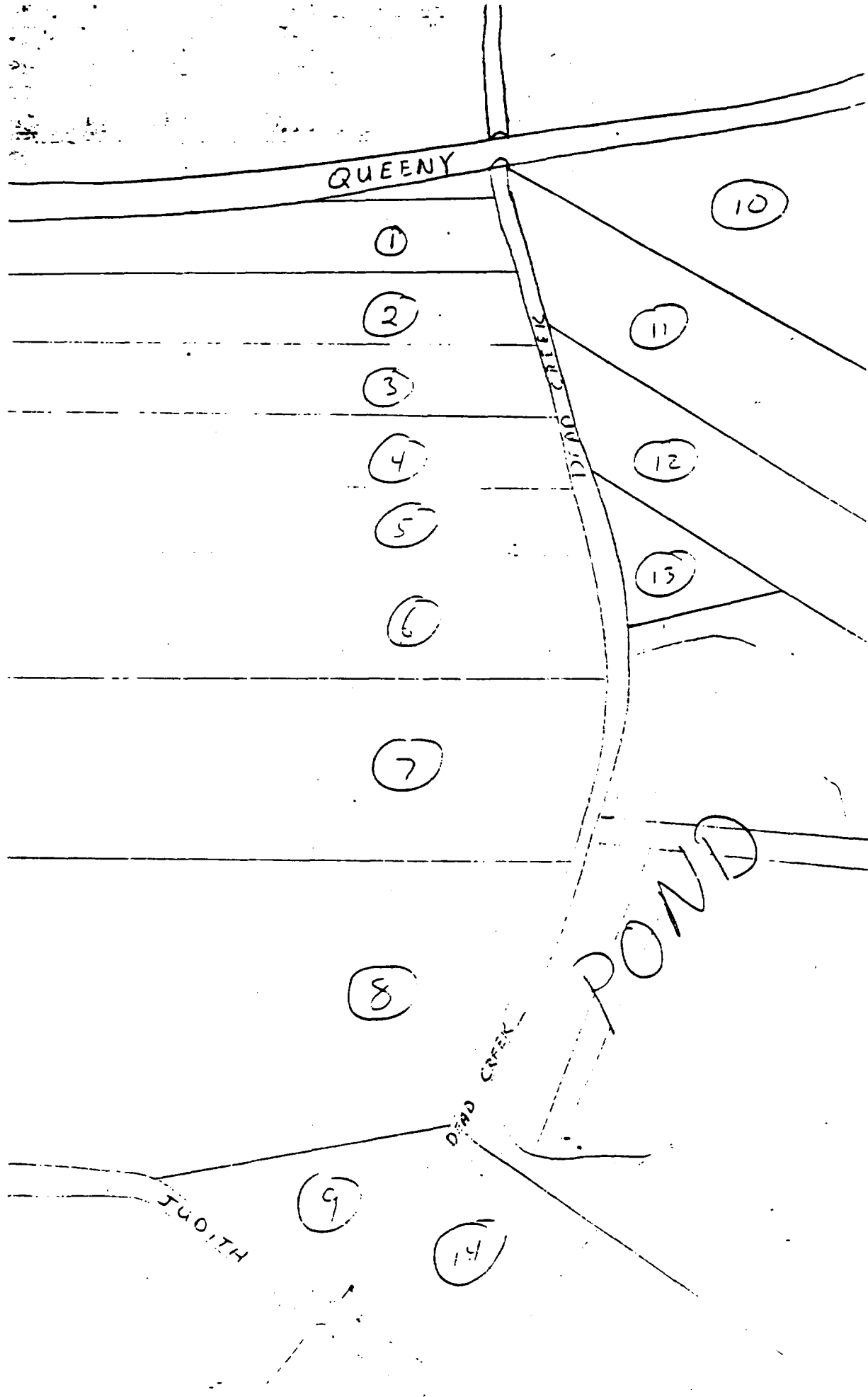
- (1) & (2) ..Harold W. Wiese
1445 Woodson Drive
St. Louis, MO 63132
- (3)Myrtle Hankins
3110 Mississippi Ave.
E. St. Louis, IL 62206
- (4)Emilly Hankins
3110 Mississippi Ave.
E. St. Louis, IL 62206
- (5) - (7) ..Moto-Gas, Inc.
721 W. Main
Belleville, IL 62221
- (8)Mineweld, Inc.
9 Judith Lane
Cahokia, IL 62206
- *(9)Donald Elsaesser and others,
2700 Monsanto Ave.
Sauget, IL 62201
- (10)James D. Tolbird
762 Leon St.
Cahokia, IL 62206
- (11)Tony Lechner
Box 87A
St. Louis, MO 63101

(12) & (13) .Ruan Transportation
Box 855
DeMoines, IA 50304

(14)Albert Lauman, owner
MAILING ADDRESS:
Germania Savings and Loan
of Dupo
107 N. 2nd
Dupo, IL 62239

*Land held in trust.

:Attachment





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RE: Dead Creek

Dear Tom:

Enclosed is a memo reflecting our best information concerning persons having ownership interests in the parcels abutting Dead Creek, between Queeny and Judith Avenues. The memo represents an effort to reconcile tax records with information from the county Recorder of Deeds office.

Also enclosed is a fairly crude sketch drawn by Ken Mensing of IEPA-Collinsville, showing the location of various parcels in relation to the creek. The numbers correspond both to plat map locators and tax record indices. I have updated the sketch based upon our best information.

The memo on its face does not explain which tracts belong to the Shaffers and Cronins, nor account for the "Mineweld" and "Elsaesser" tracts shown on the sketch. I will track that information down and forward it to you.

I hope this information will help.

Sincerely,

REED W. NEUMAN
Assistant Attorney General
Environmental Control Division
Southern Region
500 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62706

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OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

July 22, 1982

TYRONE C. FAHNER
ATTORNEY GENERAL

TO Reed Neuman
FROM Roger Kennedy *ck*
SUBJECT Property owners adjacent to Dead Creek,
between Queeny and Judith

Listed below are the names and addresses of the people who last paid taxes on the property located adjacent to Dead Creek and between Queeny and Judith Avenue.

Motogas, Inc.
721 West Main
Belleville, IL 62221

Emily Hankins
3110 Mississippi Avenue
East St. Louis, IL 62206

Harold W. Wiese
1445 Woodson Drive
St. Louis, MO 63132

Donald and Caroleen Shaffer
303 West Legion
Columbia, IL 62236

James P. and Shirley M. Cronin
3102 Mississippi Avenue
Cahokia, IL 62206

Ruan Trucking Co.
Des Moines, Iowa

PROPERTY OWNERS

Judith
Query

CERTO

401 001 ✓ 003 WEISE, Harold W.
401 002 ✓ 004 WEISE, Harold W.
DTC 001 HANKINS, MYRTLE
✓ 006 HANKINS, ANDREW
✓ 007 Moto gas INC.
✓ 008 Moto gas INC.

401 ✓ 009 Moto gas INC.

101 - 003
MINE WELD INC.

ELSAESSER, DONALD
& FAL TRS

102 - 002

201 - 001

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OWEN, THOMAS A.

202 001

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73-165

202 72-016 LAUMAN, ALBERT P. III

Tolbird, James D.
402 - 001 sm.

013

WAGGONER, HAROLD
PL 41 - TRUCKING CO.

Pl 42 012
WAGGONER, HAROLD

Pl 43 013
WAGGONER, HAROLD

WALNUT

49-005
WILLIAMS

48-004

47-003

46-002

45-001

73-165

72-016

71-005

70-004

69-003

68-002

67-001

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1-R CENTERVILLE TWP.
 CAHOKIA COMMONS & COMMONFIELDS T.2N. R.10W.

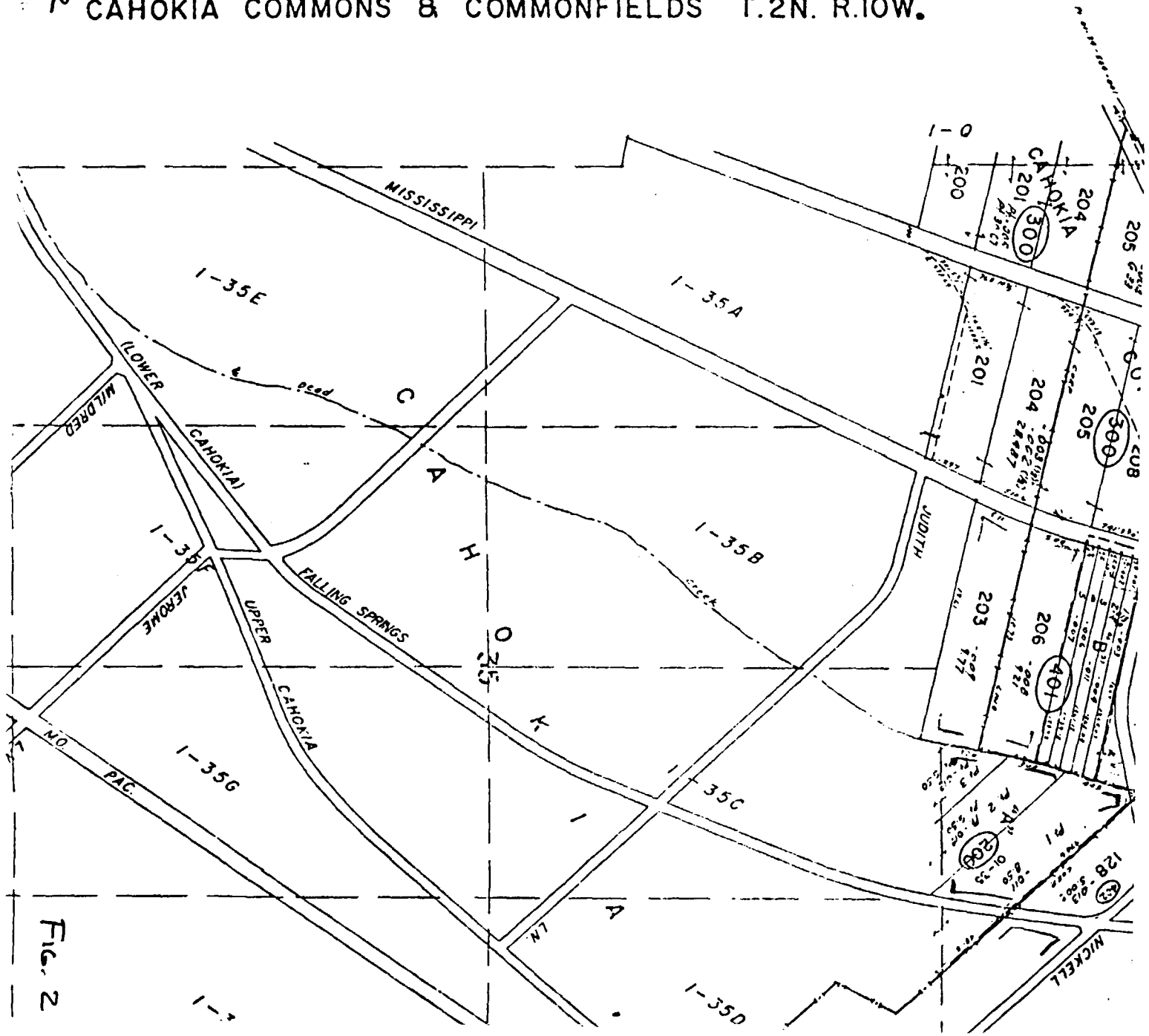


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Mr. William Seltzer
Senior Technical Advisor
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Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
2200 Churchill Road
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Re: Dead Creek Investigation

Dear Bill:

Pursuant to your December 22, 1980 letter, I will attempt to summarize what we have done so far and where I think we ought to be heading on the Dead Creek/Sauget situation.

As you know, this office has been attempting to identify the parties connected to the dumping/discharging at Dead Creek, largely through traditional investigation modes. We have been able to compile fairly solid cases against a couple of sources, yet need to expand that base substantially.

Our best case at this point involves Harold Waggoner & Co., whose tank truck dispatching and maintenance activities were for years conducted adjacent to the creek at Queeny Avenue. Through old Agency investigations and recent interviews by our staff of Waggoner himself and some former employees, we now have solid evidence that Waggoner & Co. is responsible for at least part of the total volume and variety of materials found in the creek. However, Waggoner's operation does not go back far enough to fully account for what's there.

We also have come upon some good information about direct sewer discharges to the creek, near Queeny Avenue, by Midwest Rubber Reclaiming Co. Information from a former plant superintendent there shows that up until perhaps 20 years ago Midwest had a sewer outfall to the creek. Materials discharged included oils and rubber residues, as well as a fibrous residue. This residue was digested in Midwest's processes by either a

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caustic (alkali) or zinc (acid), and when it dried formed a spongy material which may explain some of what's found in the creek today.

Along those lines, it will be crucial to the case to tie in some of the major local industries, to create a financial base sufficient to absorb the heavy clean-up costs. It's a widely held opinion that Monsanto, Cerro Copper (nee Lewin Metals) and possibly others at one time had direct discharges to the creek, at least in the form of relief manholes and overflows. I have indeed seen that 1956 sewer map of the Krummrich plant and it confirms many of our suspicions. However, I believe we need more evidence before confronting them. I have been attempting to track down engineers, contractors, etc., anyone who might be familiar with Monsanto's or Cerro's sewer system, what parts of the plant the lines were connected to, when they were used, etc. Unfortunately, DWPC files are of no help that far back, and thus this information pretty much has to be generated from scratch. Any help, suggestions, etc. you could give me here would be greatly appreciated. (I think Mauzy may be of some help here.)

Also, we are actively seeking information on individual haulers or others who may have dumped wastes at the creek over the years. Identifying all such persons seems quite impossible. However, the more we get, the better in terms of relief available to us, and more importantly may steer us to evidence linking certain haulers to area industries that could also be held liable. We have begun an arrangement with DLE's criminal investigation unit, which is supplying an agent to do the actual legwork in tracking down leads. However, the time DLE has been able to give us so far has been minimal, as have the results, a situation I intend to get corrected shortly.

The Agency and I have yet to work out a system whereby I receive copies of all lab reports and analyses and other technical data, as well as other pieces of information that the Agency may come upon. I need to coordinate this case through one person at the Agency to ensure that all people working on the case have all the information available. I do not believe that as yet I have all the test results, etc. concerning the creek itself, therefore my judgment as to how the case should proceed is not totally well-informed. By the same token, much of the information generated by this office has not yet been shared with the Agency. I think a meeting might be in order to compare and share files and ideas, in addition to regularly copying each other on things.

Finally, this office remains concerned and ready to

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take action in regard to the discovery of other hazardous waste (burial) sites in the Sauget - E. St. Louis area, particularly the one adjacent to the creek at Queeny Ave. I would like to see any and all field memos, lab sheets and the like done by the Hydrogeology Unit or others in testing this site, as well as any other information the Agency may have.

Hopefully, we can come up with enough additional evidence at least to file a civil action, which should give us access to much more, needed information. Please let me know when we all might be able to get together.

Sincerely,

Reed
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Assistant Attorney General
Environmental Control Division
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